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CITE [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR [redacted] INFO DDCI OFFICE AND DDO

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IN [redacted] I HAD SEVEN HOURS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH

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[redacted] DEFENSE AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS. MOSTLY THEY  
WERE CONCERNED WITH US RELIABILITY, STEADFASTNESS, ETC.,  
THEY LIKE MANY OTHERS IN AREA HAVE BEEN DRAWING ON THOSE  
PARTS OF U.S. MEDIA THAT STRESS VIETNAM TRAUMA, ISOLATIONISM  
AND SO FORTH. I POINTED OUT THAT THE U.S. IS MOVING OUT OF  
THIS PHASE AS IT HAS IN THE PAST AND THAT IT WOULD BE WRONG  
TO OVERESTIMATE AMERICAN ISOLATIONISM. PARTICULARLY THEY  
SHOULD NOT DO ANYTHING TO FEED IT. THEY INDICATED TO ME

THAT GROUP OF ANALYSTS LARGELY OF YOUTHFUL ACADEMIC ORIGIN

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HAD DONE PAPER FOR [redacted] GOVERNMENT STRESSING UNRELIABILITY

OF U.S. COMMITMENT TO DEFENSE OF [redacted] AND PUSHING A

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SORT OF MINI GAULLIST LINE. I POINTED TO POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS  
IN U.S., I.E., VOTE NOT TO PUBLISH PIKE REPORT, REFUSAL TO  
DISCLOSE OUR BUDGET, LIKELIHOOD THAT RUMSFELD WOULD GET  
DEFENSE BUDGET CONGRESS WOULD NOT GIVE SCHLESINGER. I SAID  
U.S. WOULD BE RELIABLE FRIEND TO THOSE WHO WANTED TO BE OUR

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FRIENDS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH WHOM WE HAD SO MUCH IN COMMON

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IN [REDACTED] SAW DIRECTORS AND STAFFS OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] COULD NOT HAVE BEEN

FRIENDLIER AND MORE DESIROUS OF CONTINUING PRESENT CLOSE  
RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S. AND US IN PARTICULAR.

STAT

I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED THROUGHOUT THIS TRIP AT UNCERTAINTY  
 SO MANY PEOPLE FEEL IN THESE COUNTRIES REGARDING THE RELIABILITY  
 AND STAYING POWER OF U.S. [REDACTED] HAVE TOLD ME THAT THEY  
 VOICED VERY MUCH SAME CONCERNS TO VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER  
 WHEN HE WAS IN THE AREA ALTHOUGH PERHAPS MORE CAUTIOUSLY IN  
 SPEAKING TO HIM THAN TO ME, SO I AM CONFIDENT THAT THEY HAVE  
 BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF HIGHEST POLICY MAKERS IN U.S.  
 I HAVE DONE BY BEST TO REASSURE THEM AND FEEL THAT OVERALL  
 RESULT OF MY TALKS WITH THEM SOMEWHAT LIKE REACTION OF

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[REDACTED] NAMELY, "IF YOUR PURPOSE WAS TO REASSURE ME,  
 YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED -- MARGINALLY". RELATIONSHIPS WITH  
 BKHERALD EXCELLENT. IT IS NATIONAL IMAGE WE HAVE TO

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WORK ON. [REDACTED] ARE SOMEWHAT LONELY VICTIMS OF

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[REDACTED] ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN NATIONAL

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HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT. OVERALL SITUATION IS VASTLY BETTER HERE  
THAN IT WAS PREVIOUSLY.

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